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STANDING OUR POSTS

Matthew 26:36-46

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MAIN POINTS

#1 > The Problem

#2 > The Solution

#3 > The Result

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#1 > THE PROBLEM

Matthew 26:36–38, 40–41, 43, 45–46

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Scene	His Disciples	His Father	Narrative
1	26:36–38		Jesus brings with him his inner circle . . . be on guard!
2		26:39	First Prayer —if possible, take away this cup. Your will be done.
3	26:40–41		Inner Circle Asleep Be on guard and pray so you don't fall to temptation!
4		26:42	Second Prayer —if not possible to take away this cup. Your will be done.
5	26:43		Inner Circle Asleep. . . <i>again</i>
6		26:44	Third Prayer — Your will be done.
7	26:45–46		Inner Circle Asleep. . . <i>yet again</i> I am handed over!

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.”



⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”



⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”



¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh,



for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.



¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.



²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.



#1 > THE PROBLEM

Matthew 26:36–38, 40–41, 45–46

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#1 > THE PROBLEM



is that our **feeble flesh** is easily seduced into Sin and we cannot strengthen it ourselves.

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Sin

Idol

Failure to trust the Gospel + its implications

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#2 > THE SOLUTION

Matthew 26:39, 42, 44

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39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."



⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”



⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.



²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.”



²² Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.”

²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.



²¹ Therefore hear this, you who are afflicted,
who are drunk, but not with wine:

²² Thus says your Lord, the Lord,
your God who pleads the cause of his people:
“Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of
staggering;
the bowl of my wrath you shall drink no more;



¹⁵ Thus the Lord, the God of Israel, said to me:
“Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath,
and make all the nations to whom I send you drink
it. ¹⁶ They shall drink and stagger and be crazed
because of the sword that I am sending among
them.”



46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”



#2 > THE SOLUTION

Matthew 26:39, 42, 44

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#2 > THE SOLUTION



is that we must be on guard against temptation **through prayer.**

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#3 > THE RESULT

Matthew 26:39d, 42d

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39d “... nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”



42d "... your will be done."



9 Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

10 Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.



#3 > THE RESULT

Matthew 26:39d, 42d

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#3 > THE RESULT



is that we are strengthened to **lovingly submit** to our Heavenly Father in the face of temptation.

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THE TAKE AWAY

#1 > THE PROBLEM... is that our **feeble flesh** is easily seduced into Sin and we cannot strengthen it ourselves.

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#3 > THE RESULT... is that we are strengthened to **lovingly submit** to our Heavenly Father in the face of temptation.

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CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

Dare to pray with Jesus:

Your will be done — come what may.

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